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The largest wealth heist in U.S. history:
Trump's bill sacrifices lives for billionaires

By Gregory E. Williams

Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill" is now law. It's big, but there's nothing beautiful about it.

We're about to see the largest upward transfer of wealth in U.S. history. It's also going to be the largest cut to health care in the history of the U.S. The "Big Bill" includes over $1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, and the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

About 66 million people in the U.S., or 20% of the population, live in rural areas. They will be especially hard hit. Rural hospital access has been declining for a long time, with Medicaid being the only thing that has saved many hospitals. (This is proof you don't have to be on Medicaid to benefit from the program.)

At least 338 rural hospitals are at risk of closing right now. That means grandparents who have heart attacks will die because there's no hospital to take them to. Children with allergies will die from anaphylactic shock because they can't get to the ER.

All so the billionaire oligarchs can steal even more of the people's money. Much of it will be stuffed into the coffers of the weapons manufacturers and private prison contractors. Those who wrote and voted for the bill know it's going to kill people, and they don't care.

The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy analyzed data from the Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation, along with other sources, to assess who will win and who will lose because of this

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BALTIMORE

Hospital nurses make history with first-ever strike

By Struggle-La Lucha
Baltimore bureau

On July 24, nurses at Ascension St. Agnes Hospital walked off the job in a powerful one-day strike organized by National Nurses United. Over 50 nurses took to the picket lines in the city's first-ever nurses' strike, demanding the working conditions they deserve and the patient care standards the community needs.

The Baltimore Peoples Power Assembly joined the striking nurses on the line, along with many supporters from across the city.

The nurses at St. Agnes are fighting battles familiar to health care workers everywhere: dangerously low staffing levels and growing workloads. This has led to a deterioration in patient care that is unacceptable to the nurses at St. Agnes. Ascension is a multi-million dollar private Catholic health care system that has consistently prioritized profits over patient care and worker safety.

The striking nurses chanted "Hey Ascension you can't hide! We can see your greedy side!" and "Up up with the nurses! Down down with the bosses!" #

Trump's big bill

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bill. They said their analysis "suggests that a tiny sliver of affluent families — the top 1% by income — will receive tax cuts totaling $1.02 trillion over the next decade. For comparison, the bill's cuts to the Medicaid health care program will total $930 billion over the same period."

Meanwhile, an analysis by researchers at Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania predicted that the House version of the budget bill would lead to 51,000 excess deaths in the U.S. annually. They were just looking at the medical side of things: health care coverage and things like that. They weren't even considering other areas like food access or rising prices.

They sent letters about these findings to Senate leaders, but even if they hadn't, these politicians know very well that their policies kill people. These same politicians were unbothered by over 1 million people dying from COVID-19 in the U.S., and millions more dying globally. In U.S. politics today, they scarcely mention these deaths anymore.

The ruling class and their Washington minions just don't care. In fact, they applauded as they cast their votes in favor of this bill that would result in so much death. The oligarchs rule. It's time to throw them out and replace them with an equitable socialist system. #

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L.A. boycott of Home Depot over ICE partnership

By Adé T.W. Jackson, Esq.

"It is our Duty to fight for Freedom!!! It is our Duty to Win!!!"

– Assata Shakur, Veteran of the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation Army

On July 3, a coalition of diverse organizations announced a boycott of the Home Depot, challenging the company's collaboration with the discriminatory and unjust targeting of workers and immigrants by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). With the Home Depot at Western Ave. and Slauson Ave. as the backdrop, this coalition announced the boycott campaign and made the following demands:

1. STOP the immigration raids NOW! Stop the militarized assault on Los Angeles NOW!
2. Home Depot must prohibit all federal immigration agencies from accessing its stores and parking lots.
3. Protect day laborers NOW!
4. Justice for impacted families NOW!

Coalition Members had the following to say:

- "We are robbed of empathy if we only fight for a comfortable position in capitalism. We have to resist getting comfortable within capitalism. We have to hold onto our humanity and imagination. Capitalism does not inspire innovation; it leads to competition that limits our potential as a society. When we only create things for profit, our needs cannot be fully met and we are left in a cycle of exploitation. How we spend our money is a powerful statement, and as a collective that power becomes exponentially stronger. To come together to make a political statement against ICE, through the boycott of Home Depot, is to stand up against two entities that clearly do not care about workers," Nicole, organizer, The Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice
- "The Home Depot makes billions of dollars from the labor of migrant workers, and they thank them by allowing the kidnappers to use their facilities to abduct them. All people of conscience should support the boycott to pressure the Home Depot to not allow ICE operations on any of their properties," Ron Gochez, organizer, Unión del Barrio

Analysis

The toxic military apparatus of the U.S. empire is on full display in Los Angeles streets: collaboration between the LAPD, FBI, the National Guard, U.S. Marines, and increased ICE activity. The fascist show of force in MacArthur Park on July 6 would be another prime example.

In Los Angeles alone, over 500 individuals have been kidnapped from their communities, with 17 reported deaths in custody.

Let that sink in.

The ice cream cart of a vendor in my neighborhood was found after ICE kidnapped him. A snapshot of fascist dystopia clawing at the self-determination and sanctity of our communities.

And what's the response to our neighbors being racially profiled and swept up as criminalized waste?

I don't have all the answers. This is not a "holier than thou" article.

But I did learn something from Malcolm X's example and teachings. Even as a young child, he learned that if he wanted something, **he had to make noise.**

Today, People Power is alive and well in Los Angeles. Resistance thrives under the California sun, distinct from the propagandized entertainment industry.

This is not a time for complacency and tacit acceptance of injustice.

Instead, the organizations announcing this boycott have chiseled a line in concrete for The People to join and support.

We must make our neighborhoods into our nation-states when fascism and authoritarianism rear their ugly heads.

This requires organization.

This requires demands.

This requires investments of time, resources, and effort.

The battle against ICE has necessitated the actions of this coalition. Let's not forget the horrors and poison of the capitalist AmeriKKKan system that put a target on the backs of workers, immigrants, and our neighbors alike.

July 3, Los Angeles – Activists gathered for a press conference outside a Home Depot location to announce the launch of a national boycott of the company because it collaborated with ICE.

Another organizer asked me recently: "How would you want someone to show solidarity with you?"

I would want them to join my fight. Dignify my reality. Contribute to changing the material conditions that made the AmeriKKKan battlefield what it is.

This coalition has picked up the gauntlet to directly resist the combined forces of capitalism, xenophobia, greed, and injustice in Los Angeles and beyond.

Choosing to be a beacon of resistance on a hill of darkness.

Today's press conference echoed how the resistance to the Trump administration must continue to evolve to meet the moment.

Fighting for Freedom requires strategy.

Now it is The People's choice whether to join this righteous fight.

"The true revolutionary is guided by great feelings of love" – Che Guevara

Let Revolutionary Love be the root of our actions for our neighbors.

BOYCOTT HOME DEPOT.

MELT ICE.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE. #

SCOTUS to workers: drop dead — Trump's layoffs can proceed

By Lev Koufax

Protesters demonstrated outside the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Boulder Colorado in protest of mass layoffs of federal workers by the Trump administration.

On July 8, the Supreme Court rubber-stamped another one of Donald Trump's fascist policies. This time, the Court lifted all judicial holds on the implementation of Trump and DOGE's massive layoffs of federal workers.

Seventeen different government agencies with 40 different layoff actions will now begin those cuts in earnest. Tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of federal workers will likely find themselves without a job quickly and without ceremony.

While the Federal layoffs resume, Donald Trump and his billionaire friends are demanding tax cuts and deregulation in an effort to consolidate their already massive profits. SCOTUS allowed Trump's layoffs to resume four days after the passage and signing of the "Big Beautiful Bill." The fascist megabill ravages what was left of an already meager social welfare net and effectively reinvests that money into a more profitable industry – war.

Less money for federal worker salaries, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and SNAP means more for war planes, tanks, and bombs from Lockheed Martin, General Dynamics, Boeing, and Northrop Grumman. The wealthy of this country have decided they will no longer approve any social programs for the people. It's a massive across-the-board wage and benefit cut for the whole working class.

Musk and Trump may be having a public personal dispute, but their fundamental program of austerity and repression continues to be implemented. These layoffs are a brainchild of Musk and DOGE and represent the agenda of a broader class of billionaires beyond just Musk.

Bezos, the Walton Family, the Koch Brothers, and many more benefit greatly from the massive corporate tax cuts and austerity to social programs at the core of the "Big Beautiful Bill." Trump and company aim to completely break the back of the organized working class by destroying what is left of the labor movement and forcing millions of workers into lower-paying jobs.

Protesters outside the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston rallied to protect the jobs of embattled federal workers

The SCOTUS rubber stamp on Musk's layoffs, along with the passage of the "Big Beautiful Bill," signal a deepening of the capitalist crisis. The billionaire class no longer feels like it can afford a single cent invested into society beyond police and the military. As such, the myth that capitalism is a tide that raises all boats is more exposed than ever. The U.S. capitalist system was never meant to share the wealth, but to hoard it at the top on the backs of workers and oppressed people.

And now, Trump is ensuring that the U.S. capitalist system pursues that purpose without compromise. There is no solution to capitalist greed or fascist repression in the furtherance of that greed within the framework of capitalism. Only a socialist system based on the power of the working class can end the exploitation and racism at the core of this rotten capitalist system, a system that only benefits the likes of Trump and Musk. #

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At San Diego Pride:
'If you support trans rights, support ending genocide in Gaza'

San Diego, July 19 – A contingent from Los Angeles participated in San Diego's Pride this year, raising up the Palestinian struggle. These activists with the Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice are also part of L.A.'s Community Self Defense Coalition, which has been in the streets protecting community members from ICE.

The Harriet Tubman Center's John Parker spoke with Nico, a local trans community member, about trans solidarity with Palestine.

Nico: "I'm a San Diego native born and raised. I grew up in the 'gayborhood,' and in regards to the work that you guys are doing, I just want to say first and foremost, thank you so much for the work that you guys are doing. It's important.

"And second of all, as someone who is politically minded and active, the amount of times that I have heard Zionists specifically use my trans identity and try to weaponize that as a means to divide me against what I believe is a fight for human rights.

"And if you support trans rights, then you have to support ending the genocide in Gaza. There's no way that you can explain it away. There's no dividing that. It's very, very simple. It's an all or nothing thing. This is a zero sum game. Are you for human rights or are you not for human rights?" #

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- Discussion with a transmasculine Cuban activist
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What to the Political Prisoner is the Fourth of July?

Jay Burton is a political prisoner. At just 16 years old, he was ensnared by the predatory neo-Nazi Lynwood Vikings deputy gang within the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department — a white supremacist gang that federal courts have condemned as engaging in "terrorist-type tactics" and "racially motivated violence" against Black and Latine communities. For 36 years, Burton has been buried alive in California's prison system for a murder he did not commit. This commentary was first published by Struggle-La Lucha

By Jay Burton

As we commemorate July 4th, a day traditionally associated with freedom and independence, I ask: What does this celebration truly mean for someone like me, Jay Burton, who has been incarcerated for 36 years, since the age of 16?

My case involves the KNOWN Los Angeles Sheriff's GANG, the Lynwood Vikings, and raises questions about what justice and accountability mean today. I am seemingly condemned to a new form of slavery, AmeriKKKa's "New Jim Crow" as Professor Michelle Alexander called it.

As Sister Assata Shakur said: "(Prison in the United States) is a new form of Plantation."

I am living proof of the ills of today's criminal (In)justice system.

Meanwhile, we have (false, manufactured) leaders like President Donald Trump leading the AmeriKKKan Empire! He has been convicted of 34 felony counts yet remains free to actualize his most twisted fantasies! I have remained in chains for over 36 years for a crime I did not commit.

This highlights the complexity of freedom.

Frederick Douglass's powerful question, "What to the slave is the 4th of July?" resonates deeply in this context.

It prompts us to consider the multifaceted nature of freedom, including the mental and psychological barriers that exist in inner-city communities and the ongoing struggles for freedom and justice in various parts of the world, such as Palestine, Sudan, the Congo, and Ukraine.

While stuck in the belly of the beast, the celebration of freedom feels distant — the only fireworks here are the harsh realities of life, where sharpened metal often pierces the flesh of men in hopes of taking their lives.

Where sometimes relief comes at a terrible cost, and freedom is lost and in some cases given forever.

Behind the wall, business is business; there is no holiday from this violence. ...

For me, freedom is a simple yet profound desire: to be free of these chains and shout #FreeJayBurton with my family and supporters, to show love without the interference of the state, and to enrich the next generation for the struggles to come.

I want #FreeJayBurton to be read as a demand and grassroots call to action so that it becomes a message of hope to The People!

Remember my name!!!

Jay Burton will be Free.

These Bars cannot restrain my Revolutionary Spirit.

Come be part of the solution and reach out to me through social media at: @freedom4jayburton. If you feel called to do so, please donate to my legal fees via Cash App at $mayag8 or my gofundme. Contact the Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice for more information and action steps. Be a part of the Revolutionary change we want to see in our communities, where youth won't be degraded and thrown away as urban waste.

#FreeJayBurton
#FreeJayBurton
#FreeJayBurton!!! #

'We need groceries, not gun-slinging police'

Baltimore cops execute beloved Arabber 'BJ' Abdullah

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"PPA organizer Joy B discusses the issues in the community with Upton street vendors."

By Joy B. and Lev Koufax

In the wake of Bilal "BJ" Abdullah's execution at the hands of the Baltimore Police Department, organizers with the Baltimore People's Power Assembly spoke with members of the community who knew BJ and had spent their entire lives in the neighborhood where the cops executed Bilal. PPA Organizer Joy B grew up just around the corner from the Upton metro station, where the deadly police shooting occurred.

Abdullah was 36 years old and well-known in the community due to his profession as an "Arabber," or fruit and vegetable vendor. The Black neighborhoods of Northwest Baltimore are infamous for being food deserts, with little access to fresh produce due to the lack of supermarkets in Sandtown-Winchester, Upton, and Reservoir Hill. Arrabers like BJ are some of these communities' only thread to fresh produce.

Commonly known in the neighborhood as "the fruit man," BJ was well-liked in the community directly around the metro station where he was killed. The Upton neighborhood has long suffered from neo-Jim Crow policies like redlining, white flight, and racist police terror. The people who live in the neighborhood understand this reality. They know that instead of corruption, poverty, and police murder, this country's resources should be invested in health care, education, and jobs.

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After 43 years in jail, Mumia Abu-Jamal is still innocent

By Stephen Millies

Philadelphia, July 5 — Over a hundred people demonstrated for Mumia Abu-Jamal's freedom here today. Forty-three years ago, on July 3, 1983, the Black revolutionary was convicted after being framed for killing a Philadelphia cop.

Abu-Jamal was sentenced to death and would be kept on death row until 2011. Pennsylvania authorities are still trying to kill him by medical neglect.

People rallied in West Philadelphia's Malcolm X Park on 52nd Street. Among the speakers were Ramona Africa and Mama Pam.

It was pointed out that the freeing of American Indian Movement leader Leonard Peltier after nearly 50 years in prison shows that the power of the people can free Mumia Abu-Jamal as well.

One of the streets adjoining Malcolm X Park is Osage Avenue, where, further west, the FBI and police dropped a bomb on the MOVE organization's house on May 13, 1985. Six adults and five children were killed.

Ramona Africa was the only adult survivor. She was imprisoned for seven years while enduring extensive burns.

After the rally, people marched up 52nd Street, a center of West Philly's Black community. They were greeted by striking members of AFSCME DC 33 at the Lucien E. Blackwell library.

Despite over 40 years of lies being told about Mumia Abu-Jamal by the corporate media, there's widespread support for Mumia's freedom. Drivers passing by waved or honked their horns in support.

The workers at the library are part of the 9,000 city workers who have been on strike since July 1. Speakers at the Malcolm X Park rally declared their support for the striking workers.

#FreeMumiaAbuJamal #

SLL photos: Stephen Millies

Marching on 52nd Street in West Philadelphia.

People rallied in West Philadelphia's Malcolm X Park on 52nd Street. Among the speakers were Ramona Africa and Mama Pam.

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Issues in the community

Joy B. and Lev Koufax spoke to two street vendors and community leaders in Upton at length about the issues in the community, including the police killing of BJ. One of the men we spoke to was named Twin, the other Archie. Both are lifelong Baltimoreans and were on the block when the cops fired 38 shots, killing BJ.

Both men lamented the death of BJ as part of a bigger problem of complete disinvestment in the community, except for a foreign occupier police department. Mr. Archie spoke to the need for large-scale investment in the neighborhood's historic Avenue Market. The market served as the commercial and social hub of a thriving Black community from the late 19th to the mid-20th Century. Due to capitalist disinvestment in Black business and social programs, the conditions in the neighborhood have deteriorated into poverty, crime, and widespread drug addiction.

Mr. Archie commented on this, saying, "Now that the Avenue has seen a winding down in investment, it's not an entrepreneurial strip. It's a drug strip. It's what I call a Skidrow strip. Yes, back in the day, the Avenue was the Avenue. … but now there is like a dark cloud on the Avenue. Whatever is here within walking distance is all we can utilize because a lot of people don't have the luxury of transportation."

Mr. Archie emphasized that if the community is going to get back on its feet, then the market needs to be reconstructed and renovated, and the profits from that new market should be invested back into the Black community. Mr. Archie expanded on this, wondering why money paid in taxes isn't invested back to the people:

"When you have so much money allocated in the government's [budget], what are you doing with it?" He went on, "I'm looking to the ones that are spiritual witnesses in high places, who have the money and the allocations to change this mess!"

Capitalist greed

As seen with the killing of BJ, the capitalist's response to the social problems that its own greed created is not compassion, or health care, or social investment – its response is pure brutal, racist apartheid. Instead of the required change and investment that Mr. Archie is talking

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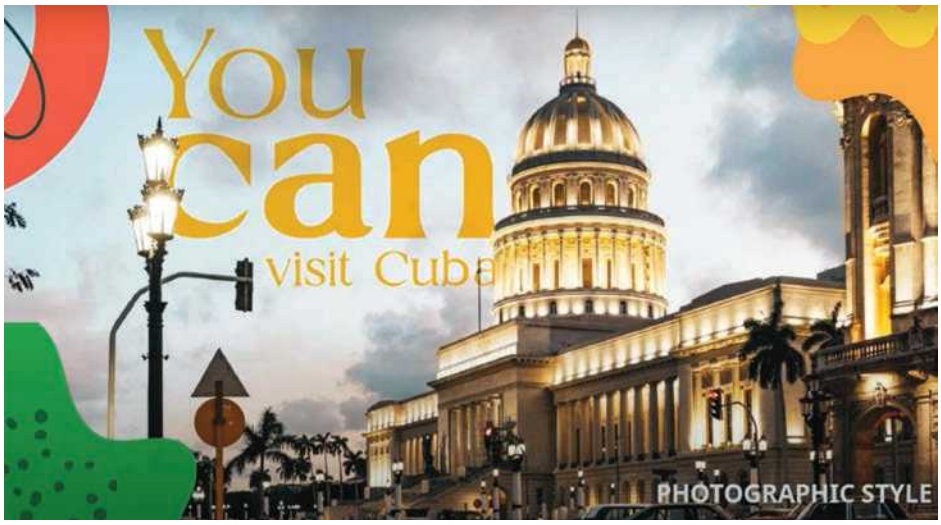
CUBA: travel, fake news & clickbait

By Cheryl LaBash



Travel from the U.S. to Cuba is legal for many purposes that are not "tourism."

July 12 – It was not that long ago that the shiny new internet and social media world dangled before us visions of instant communications with friends and the possibility of international collaboration for a better world.

Increasingly, it seems harder to sort through all the layers of ads and fake news. An example of how far the online world has become a political battleground can be seen in the topic of travel to Cuba.

Suddenly, previously unknown online travel sites are popping up with blaring and alarming false headlines that travel to Cuba could result in exorbitant fines. Not true!

The reality is that travel to Cuba is legal for many purposes that are not "tourism." Every day, many regularly scheduled flights depart from U.S. airports carrying hundreds of travelers to Havana and other Cuban cities, just like anywhere else.

Check out this thorough YouTube video for details on the many ways YOU can travel to Cuba: Yes You Can Travel to Cuba.

But, in the online world, the headline often is the story. That false headline may be all a reader digests to scare them away.

Was the travel site just trying to get people to make their online publication look popular with clicks to find out the details? Maybe their online advertisers will pay more. There is also a very good chance that those scary headlines aren't clickbait to boost web viewers – they could be part of the media war against Cuba.

The media war is high on the State Department agenda, as demonstrated in a March 19 Resumen article about how news outlets squealed at USAID's initial budget cuts. (Funding has since been restored.) The article states:

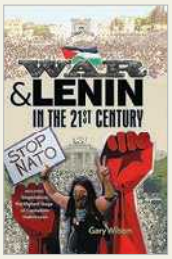
"The Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) had an active grant approved in 2023 and valid until September 2025, for $2 million, for 'democracy programs in Cuba for independent media and free flow of information.'

"According to USAID's own statistical sources, in 2023 the agency dedicated a budget of $9.5 million to programs on Cuba. While in 2024, USAID graciously handed over a total of $2.9 million to these dependent media outlets alone."

For fiscal year 2024, the U.S. government's Office of Cuba Broadcasting alone had a $25 million budget.

Like all Caribbean islands, the tourism industry provides critical income for Cuba. Tourism underwrites the free healthcare, education, and other rights that Cuba guarantees to all its people, thereby maximizing human development to the best of its ability.

It isn't far-fetched to conclude that false headlines predicting astronomical fines for exercising the statutory right to travel to Cuba are another weapon in the media war. #



'WAR & LENIN in the 21st Century'

U.S. complicity in the Gaza genocide and military profiteering.

Written by Gary Wilson on the centenary of Vladimir Lenin's death Lenin was the revolutionary leader of the Soviet Union and key contributor to Marxist theory. Book includes Lenin's work : "**Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism**" in 1916.

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Against fascism Reclaiming populism's legacy for today's class struggle

Fascist movements are on the rise worldwide, attacking working-class and oppressed people. The authors of this collection argue that capitalism's inherent dynamics are the cause, as with fascism in the 20th Century. Fascism is the capitalist class' response to a system in crisis. They use racism and misogyny, transphobia and homophobia to beat back the diverse working class while amassing more wealth.

But workers beat back fascism before and can do it again. Workers have the power to eliminate the root cause of fascism by transforming society with socialist revolution. This book is about getting us there. All the pieces in this book come from fighters in the revolutionary struggle. Most have been published in Struggle - La Lucha newspaper.

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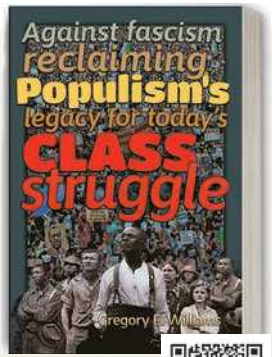

Statue of Fidel Castro and Che Guevara in the struggle

By Lallan Schoenstein

Left: An 'anti-monument' featuring a purple-clad woman with a raised fist to honor women who have faced violence and injustice for their activism and struggles to replace the statue of Columbus.

Once again, bronze statues are taking the front line in an ideological war. The statues of Fidel Castro and Che Guevara, both dressed in combat garb (one might say looking very Mexican), have been seated in a small park in Mexico City's Colonia Tabacalera neighborhood since 2017. The Monumento Encuentro (Encounter Monument) monument was placed there by the Mexico City administration of then-Mayor Andrés Manuel López Obrador.

The statues were located near the historic first meeting place of Che and Fidel. It was here in 1955 that they began to plan their revolutionary campaign to free Cuba from the grasp of U.S. imperialism and the brutal despot, Fulgencio Batista.

Currently, a social media storm has countered the abrupt removal of the popular Encuentro monument by a right-wing borough president in the Cuauhtémoc district, where the monument was located.

Outspoken opposition has come from Mexico's President, Claudio Sheinbaum. She has said she will make arrangements with Mexico City's mayor, Clara Brugada, to place the historic monument in another part of the city.

Sheinbaum suggested that the removal of the Monumento Encuentro was political retaliation for her own widely applauded monument removal — the banishment of one of Mexico's most infamous symbols.

In her former position as Mayor of Mexico City, Sheinbaum ordered the removal of the bronze statue of the genocidal conquistador Christopher Columbus from a pedestal dominating the capital's Paseo de la Reforma.

Indigenous activists have led campaigns protesting the monument for years.

The traffic circle where the Columbus statue once reigned has been renamed "Glorieta de las Mujeres que Luchan" (Roundabout of the Women Who Fight). Today, it is a rallying point for the struggles of Indigenous peoples. #

We need groceries, not gun-slinging police'

Baltimore cops execute beloved Arabber 'BJ' Abdullah

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about, the city and state governments confront social problems in the Black community with the end of a gun.

Mr. Twin knew BJ personally and also spoke to the issues highlighted by Mr. Archie. He spoke more specifically about the consistent racist conduct of the Baltimore police over the years and how this conduct always targets the Black community:

"[The cops] come through here any kind of way they want. Do what they want. They don't do that downtown, down in the Harbor, Fells Point, or Canton. Those neighborhoods have the resources we don't have."

The neighborhoods Mr. Twin references as being the places where the police don't treat the community poorly – Harbor East, Fells Point, and Canton – are all predominantly white and wealthy.

Mr. Twin also echoed Mr. Archie's disgust at the lack of community engagement and investment from the government that employs brutal racist police instead of medical care, education, grocery stores, and union jobs. Mr. Twin specifically said, speaking about several Baltimore police and government officials, "They need to come through here! They need to see what is happening every day!"

The northwest Baltimore community marched demanding justice for BJ Abdullah and an end to racist police terror.'

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Under this country's capitalist system, the business-backed elected officials do not have the interests of the people at heart. As Mr. Twin is saying, this is why they refuse to really be in the communities that they supposedly represent. Instead of genuine engagement, the Black community is met with the murder of its beloved community figures, just like Bilal "BJ" Abdullah.

BJ Abdullah wasn't a monster or a fiend. He was a person. He was a family man. He was a man of generosity, devotion, and faith. BJ's humanity, and the humanity of all those under the gun of racist police terror – shouldn't have to be stated, but in a system that constantly dehumanizes the Black community – it must be.

#JusticeForBJ #BlackLivesMatter #EndPoliceTerror #

Trump and China in Brazil

By Lallan Schoenstein

U.S. President Donald Trump is threatening to impose a new 50% tariff on all Brazilian products starting on Aug. 1. According to a July 17 New York Times Op Ed, Trump sent a bellicose letter to Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva declaring that the tariff is retaliation for the criminal prosecution of ultra right-wing former president Jair Bolsonaro, who attempted to hold onto power after losing the 2022 election.

New York Times Opinion Editor Lydia Polgreen writes that a much more consequential document had been signed just days earlier. Brazilian and Chinese companies have signed an agreement to begin building a roughly 2,800-mile railroad line that would connect Brazil's Atlantic coast to a Chinese-built deep-water port on Peru's Pacific coast.

Such phenomenal infrastructure could transform much of South America's economy. It would facilitate the distribution of goods and enable greater mobility of people between Latin America and Asia.

Protesters in Brazil burned an effigy of Donald Trump as they gathered to condemn 50% U.S. tariffs announced for Brazilian goods, which Trump has linked to the coup trial of his political ally, former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro.

'America First' in Panama Canal

Shipping problems caused by the U.S. domination of the Panama Canal would be significantly eased. As part of Trump's bullying "America First" program, BlackRock (the largest U.S. shadow bank) purchased two key Panama Canal ports, Balboa and Cristóbal, located at both ends of the canal. Another issue is the logistics of the waterway passage, which opened in 1914. It was designed before the era of mega-container ships and supertankers.

Polgreen says about the difference between the threat of U.S. tariffs and China's agreement: "It was a neat illustration of the contrasting approaches China and the United States have taken to their growing rivalry. China offers countries help building a new rail line; Trump bullies them and meddles in their politics."

Brazil, a huge country, bigger than the contiguous U.S., has a growing population, the seventh largest population in the world, and it has enormous resources. It looks forward to a role in building a world economy free from U.S. economic and military domination. To that end, Brazil, along with China, was a founding member of the BRICS, an intergovernmental organization that is currently comprised of ten countries, including Russia and Iran. In July, Brazil hosted the BRICS summit meeting.

Brazil's collaboration with China has been flourishing. President Lula traveled to Beijing in May for his third bilateral meeting with China's president, Xi Jinping, since returning to the presidency in 2023, declaring that "our relationship with China will be indestructible." #

CHINA Celebrating 75 years of liberation

October 1, 2024, marked the 75th anniversary of China's revolution, which liberated the nation from feudal oppression and imperialist control. Under the leadership of Mao Zedong, the Communist Party of China achieved what many deemed impossible — inspiring not just China but working and oppressed peoples worldwide.

The revolution brought an end to China's 'Century of Humiliation,' which began with British imperialism's First Opium War in 1839. Today, China stands as a global scientific powerhouse, boasting achievements in pollution reduction, and space exploration. The People's Republic has made significant strides in healthcare, education, and sports.

At no point has U.S. monopoly capitalism adopted a hands-off approach toward the development of socialism in China. The maneuvers by U.S. imperialism have been increasingly more dangerous and now point in the direction of war.

This book, **'The U.S. War Drive Against China: What it means for workers,'** aims to illuminate the growing dangers posed by a potential U.S. war against China and to reveal the real enemies of the working class.

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Nicaragua, July 15 – Supporters of the revolutionary Sandinista government march to commemorate the 56th anniversary of the death of Commander Julio Buitrago, known as the father of urban resistance in the country.

Struggle for Socialism Party salutes tremendous accomplishments of Sandinista government

To: **Honorable Mauricio Lautaro Sandino Montes**,
Ambassador of the Nicaraguan Embassy
From: Struggle for Socialism Party

Revolutionary Greetings,

On behalf of the Struggle for Socialism Party of the U.S., we take this opportunity to extend our best wishes on the occasion of the 46th anniversary of the Sandinista Revolution.

We salute the tremendous accomplishments of your revolution, which now has 90% self-sufficiency in food, mainly grown by small farmers who received land during the 1980s agrarian reforms and who are supported today by government programs focused on the popular economy.

We celebrate with you the reduction of maternal mortality by 80%, as well as the reduction of infant mortality by 66% when the people regained control of the government.

We applaud your efforts to make housing a priority so that all in your country will have decent and dignified housing.

We stand in solidarity with the people of Nicaragua and the leadership of the Sandinista government against the continued efforts of the U.S. government to interfere and turn back the hard-won gains of the revolution.

Long live international solidarity.

Reading Fanon in the age of ICE raids

By Colby Byrd

"Colonialism is not satisfied merely with holding a people in its grip and emptying the native's brain of all form and content. By a kind of perverted logic, it turns to the past of the oppressed people, and distorts, disfigures and destroys it."

- Frantz Fanon, "The Wretched of the Earth"

The attacks on the past, as Fanon puts it, are also attacks on the history, culture, and very way of life of oppressed people.

Algeria had been occupied by the French since 1830. In the country, the French tried to secure their domination over the people through dismantling the cultural norms of Algerian society and maintaining an air of absolute violence on anyone who attempted to resist.

In colonial Algeria, infrastructure was named after famous settlers, colonists or military figures of the occupation.

In its colonial crusade to erase Islam from Algeria, France relied on deceit, intimidation, and brute force to replace Algerian Islamic culture with French, European, and Christian norms. Mosques were closed or converted into Catholic churches. Quranic schools were shut down or replaced with French-language Catholic schools.

Regarding news and media, French or colonial-friendly newspapers and radio stations were the main source of information and music that could be found in colonial Algeria.

Finally, the separation of the Algerian villages and towns from the cities and metropolises of the French colonists and settlers was maintained by military checkpoints and a deep culture of racism.

A women's section of the National Liberation Army (ALN), an armed branch of the National Liberation Front (FLN) during the Algerian War, 1962.

Committed to decolonization

In Fanon's writings during the period, he details how the Algerian people, committed to liberation, were able to fight the French. The Algerian people were committed to decolonization, both physically with the removal of French troops and settlers and also culturally through destroying the idea of supremacy of Western values and destroying the divisions between people living in Algeria.

Women played a crucial role in Algeria's War of Independence (1954–1962). Their contributions were vital to the success of the National Liberation Front (FLN) and the broader revolutionary movement.

Algerian women who joined the struggle used the French arrogance and chauvinism against them. Western-dressed women were able to move more freely across checkpoints, taking with them all sorts of material and equipment that could aid the revolution. Veiled women hid weapons, equipment or money under their wardrobes.

Women and men fought together. In cities, women were lookouts, guides and partners to their male counterparts, doing whatever was needed to beat back French occupation. Out in the mountains and countryside, women were armed to the teeth, carrying weaponry and heavy equipment to engage the French military.

Women and men not only fought side by side to achieve liberation, but the addition of women in the struggle on all fronts saved the very revolution itself.

Rejected French-friendly media

French domination was also challenged in the information space. The Algerian population rejected Radio Algiers and other French-friendly stations. These stations did nothing but affirm the colonial rule of the French in the region and normalize their genocidal strategy of occupation and suppression.

It was the "Voice of Fighting Algeria" that brought the news to the masses. This station was a direct lifeline to tap into the struggle for liberation. It was broadcast in many different languages, to include the entirety of Algeria's diverse population.

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Also, newspapers began to spring up that directly challenged the written word of the colonial administration, with the written testimonies of revolutionaries and survivors of French atrocities. The masses were able to tune into these new channels of information, gaining insight and guidance on the struggle and the path the new nation was now on. Also, through these new media outlets, organizing to disrupt the colonial war machine became easier.

Against kidnappings and torture in L.A. (and Gaza)

In the spirit of the revolutionary women of Algeria, indigenous and immigrant women in the United States are leading the struggle out West against the kidnappings and torture of their friends, family and coworkers. This is especially evident in Los Angeles, where women fill the ranks and largely lead organizations like the Community Self Defense Coalition. They do everything from creating literature, scouting for ICE, training new members, to actively alerting areas about ongoing ICE operations. They do everything they possibly can to disrupt this repressive machinery.

It is Black mothers and sisters who lead in the calls for justice against police brutality and terror, organizing their neighborhoods and communities to take action.

In today's information sphere, corporate and state media are constantly challenged by independent reporting and

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THE WRETCHED OF THE EARTH: Fanon's anti-colonial manifesto lives on in Yemen, Palestine, Sahel states

By Lev Koufax

In the spring and summer of 1961, as Algeria bled through its seventh year of war against French colonial rule, a dying Frantz Fanon poured his revolutionary vision into words. Too weak to write, he dictated "The Wretched of the Earth" — a book that would ignite liberation movements across the globe — to Josie Fanon, his life companion and fellow anti-colonial fighter. Around them, the struggle for independence raged; inside their exile in Tunisia, a manifesto for the oppressed was being forged.

The Algerian people waged a guerrilla war against French colonial and allied right-wing forces. The war took a tremendous toll on Algerian fighters, workers, and peasants.

Fanon was battling leukemia, a disease that would claim his life on Dec. 6 of that year. Just months after his death, 1962 witnessed the triumphant conclusion of the Algerian War, as the liberation forces achieved victory and secured the complete withdrawal of French colonial rule. This hard-won independence became a beacon of hope for liberation movements worldwide — a legacy that continues to inspire oppressed resistance across the globe.

Beginning at the outbreak of the war in 1954 and until he was exiled for his nationalist politics, Fanon served diligently as a physician and psychologist at a French Hospital in Algeria. For years, he treated not only Algerian people tortured by French authorities but also French soldiers traumatized from carrying out acts of torture and murder against the Algerian people.

Frantz Fanon speaking at the All-African People's Conference (AAPC), which was held in Accra, Ghana, from Dec. 5-13, 1958.

This gave Fanon a critical perspective into the brutality and inhumanity at the center of any colonial regime. The same brutality Fanon observed in French colonial rule in Algeria can be seen today in the Zionist apartheid state and the U.S. military assault on Yemen.

In "The Wretched of the Earth," Fanon analyzes the crippling long-term impacts of colonial repression on colonized people. Due to Fanon's political beliefs, he did not stop at psychology. Fanon actively encouraged the oppressed masses of African people to rise up and take back their culture, their society, and their lives by any means necessary – and particularly through armed struggle.

Fanon's legacy of anti-colonial resistance resonates powerfully today in Africa and the West Asia region. In the Sahel states, Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger have expelled French-backed regimes, seeking to reclaim their nations' resources and wealth for their own people rather than enriching billionaires in Paris.

Similar defiant resistance against imperialist domination can be witnessed across West Asia, particularly in Yemen and Palestine, where populations have courageously confronted vastly superior military powers. Despite the immense sacrifices these struggles have demanded, the resolve of these peoples remains unbroken, embodying the same revolutionary spirit that Fanon championed decades ago.

This year will be the 100th anniversary of Fanon's birth on July 20. The best way to honor Fanon's commitment to decolonization is to support the continued struggles of colonized and oppressed people across the planet, from Yemen to Palestine to the Sahel. #

Trump's war in Ukraine

By Nahia Sanzo

July 16 — A day of reactions, broadbrush analyses, and self-serving positions on the message of each of the parties directly or indirectly participating in the war in Ukraine. Tuesday passed between the uncertainty of the signal sent on Monday by Donald Trump, the exaggerated hope of those who already see themselves as victors, and the fear of those who doubt whether the president of the United States will actually follow through on his threats.

"Fifty days," lamented Anne Applebaum, one of the usual propagandists of this war, suggesting that Trump's announcement will be nothing more than a bluff. "Trump can't back down and not help Ukraine," headlined yesterday's editorial in The Washington Post, using the acronym "TACO" (Trump Always Chickens Out), used by Chuck Schumer and other Democrats to claim that the president of the United States is a chicken who first threatens and then backs down.

"Ukraine needs more weapons. But Putin needs more pressure to end the war," the outlet writes, insisting that "so far, Putin has calculated that time is his ally; he could wait for the West's patience to run out with a grueling and costly war of attrition. Trump is trying to change Putin's assumptions, forcing substantive negotiations within a tight deadline by wielding an economic weapon — secondary sanctions — that the United States has been hesitant to use" because, as the outlet admits, they are also a threat to the global economy.

Demanding compliance and praising the measure has also been the official position of the European Union, although there have been two sides to the issue. Like a good cop always trying to please Trump, the president of Finland wrote that he welcomes "the decision of the president of the United States to provide Ukraine with more weapons in its fight against Russia's illegal war of aggression. The 50-day ceasefire, coupled with the threat of sanctions, including those included in the Lindsey Graham and Richard Blumenthal package, constitutes an important step forward in forcing Russia to the negotiating table. Collaboration with allies toward a just and lasting peace continues."

Like Iran when it was attacked, Russia was already at the negotiating table, although not in a position of weakness or faced with the need to unconditionally accept the terms offered by the West. Alexander Stubb's counterpoint was, predictably, Kaja Kallas, who believes the 50-day grace period Trump has granted Vladimir Putin to reach an impossible agreement, given that Ukraine has never sent a delegation mandated to negotiate political issues, is "very long." No measure can fully satisfy the continent's most belligerent hawks.

Meanwhile, the work of Trump's envoy to Ukraine continues, remaining in the country for a week that, in terms of logistics and planning, is significant. "I met with General Keith Kellogg: a clear voice of strength and strategy. We discussed weapons, sanctions, and the principle of peace through strength. We thank the U.S. president for his firm decisions. That's what it takes to stop Putin: strength. Ukraine remembers those who lead with courage," wrote Andriy Ermak, intoxicated with success since he managed to place his successor, Yulia Svyrydenko, as a candidate for prime minister and obtained from the United States exactly what Kiev was looking for: a large arms package that will not come with any restrictions.

This was reported yesterday by media outlets such as Axios and The Washington Post, each citing their own sources in the Pentagon or the White House, who announced that Ukraine will have no restrictions on the use of the weapons it currently possesses.

"A source involved in the decision has told me that this likely includes permission to use the 18 long-range ATACMS missiles now in Ukraine at their maximum range of 300 kilometers (about 190 miles). That wouldn't reach Moscow or St. Petersburg, but it would allow attacks on military bases, airfields, and supply depots deep inside Russia that are now out of reach. The package could also include more ATACMS," David Ignatius wrote yesterday in The Washington Post.

Moscow and St. Petersburg were also part of the speculation that circulated throughout the day due to allegations by Ignatius and Financial Times reporters Max Seddon, Christopher Miller, and Henry Foy. "'Volodymyr, can you attack Moscow? Can you attack St. Petersburg, too?' Trump asked on the call, according to the sources. Zelensky responded: 'Absolutely. We can if you give us the weapons,'" they wrote yesterday in an allegation that the White House later sought to deny. "Let them feel the pain," Donald Trump reportedly added, referring to the population of the two Russian capitals. According to The Washington Post, he is even considering sending Ukraine Tomahawk missiles capable of reaching both cities.

If the weapons currently on the ground will have no restrictions on their use, it is to be expected that the weapons sent to Kiev from now on will not have any restrictions either, from which the United States will derive significant economic benefits, which is why Donald Trump's team is currently congratulating itself in the press.

"The days of the United States sending unlimited amounts of taxpayer money to defend Ukraine are over. The president of

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smaller, more community-driven outlets.

In occupied Palestine, the Zionist entity is unable to destroy the ability of the Palestinian resistance to communicate to the outside world. Outlets like the Resistance News Network are able to get the word out about Palestinian victories over the Zionist enemy while also revealing the truth about Israeli massacres of civilian populations all around the Gaza Strip.

People in Palestine and Los Angeles (and worldwide) are recording police as they attack peaceful demonstrations and also recording atrocities against civilians to share with the world, destroying narratives that normalize genocide and occupation.

Fanon's teachings are applicable on any scale of struggle, from labor struggles to wars of national liberation. His teachings on anti-imperialist and anti-colonial resistance provide strategies for survival and resistance against the capitalist system.

It is capitalism that tears communities apart to make room for profits, capitalism that pits communities against each other, capitalism that strangles human rights for the sake of the dollar, capitalism that enables the oppression of women and other oppressed people, capitalism that normalizes genocide for the creation of markets, and finally capitalism that nurtures the rise of fascism. #

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the United States has made a very intelligent decision and reached an agreement with NATO, which stipulates that Europe and Canada will pay for the weapons; the United States will manufacture them," boasted the U.S. ambassador to NATO in an interview with Fox News.

European partners, proud that the United States is progressively moving closer to their position on the use of force and the need to escalate the war one step closer to direct confrontation with a nuclear power, have responded by expressing their pride at being chosen to pay for the weapons with which Donald Trump will finally and completely join the common proxy war against the Russian Federation.

"President Trump took an important initiative today: the United States will provide Ukraine with large-scale weapons if its European partners finance it," wrote Chancellor Friedrich Merz on social media, adding that he had assured Trump that "Germany will play a decisive role," Merz concluded. So decisive that Defense Minister Boris Pistorius of the SPD has insisted that German soldiers will be prepared to kill Russian soldiers in the event of an attack — a completely gratuitous warning that, in the current context, in which Germany emerges as the continental leader in the discourse of massive shipments of weapons for war, sounds like a threat.

"This," Merz added, referring to the supply of Western weapons, "will help Ukraine defend itself against terrorism through Russian bombings. Only in this way will pressure increase on Moscow to finally negotiate peace. In short, we are showing that we are working together as partners in security policy," Merz concluded, describing a partnership in which one side bears the costs and the other reaps the economic benefits.

"The threat of imposing 100% secondary sanctions if Russia fails to reach an agreement within 50 days is unlikely to succeed," wrote Ukrainian-Canadian academic Ivan Katchanovski, adding that "this has been demonstrated by the failure of numerous previous sanctions against Russia and the imposition of even higher tariffs against China, which had to be reversed due to the reciprocal tariffs imposed by China against the United States and their economic consequences for the United States."

Focusing on the purely military issue, analyst Patricia Marins added that "if Putin is confident of forcing a breakthrough in 60 days and achieving his goals, Trump has given him 50 days," she summarized, for example. "That is being pragmatic," she added, "whether [Putin] will achieve those goals or not is his own problem. What cannot be done is to indefinitely delay the end of the war through politics."

That last sentence perfectly sums up Donald Trump's thinking. Despite the fact that there hasn't been any kind of peace process, only isolated negotiations with Ukraine and its European allies and initial talks with the Russian Federation, he is convinced not only that the peace process existed, but that it was on the verge of resolving the conflict.

"I'm not done with it, but I'm disappointed," Donald Trump stated, adding, incredibly, that he thought "we had reached an agreement four times, and then you come home and see he just attacked a nursing home or something. ... I said, 'What the hell was that all about?'" Donald Trump hasn't noticed that Ukraine derailed a passenger train, causing civilian casualties, but he has been informed of a nonexistent bombing of a nursing home.

The U.S. president is simply projecting frustration at his failure to initiate a peace process that was supposed to involve direct dialogue between the parties and which, due to the complexity of the causes and the contradictory red lines of both countries, was always going to be long, hard, and difficult — a very different kind of negotiation from the one Trump enjoys.

Unable to reach an agreement and without the possibility of applying against Russia the measures he applied against Iran, the moment he realized Tehran would not accept the unacceptable agreement he offered as his only option, with no possibility of negotiating, the U.S. president moves into the phase of threats.

Explaining the sharp increase in arms deliveries expected to occur over the coming days, weeks, and months as the equivalent of the military attack on Iran, analysts like David Ignatius referred to the intention to "escalate to de-escalate," a concept widely used by Israel to describe its bombing campaigns to force its numerous regional enemies to accept, by force, the conditions imposed by Tel Aviv.

However, threatening and even attacking a smaller country, subjected to sanctions for decades and under an arms embargo that has only been lifted in recent years, is not the same as attacking a nuclear power whose population is increasingly aligning with the official narrative that they are not confronting Ukraine but the West as a collective.

"We have already been through all this. ... We are overcoming it and we will overcome it," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in a statement that contrasts with that of Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov, who did not downplay Trump's threats, which he described as "very serious." In this context, the press yesterday not only tried to decipher what Trump will do in the medium term, but also what Vladimir Putin's response will be in the short term.

"Putin intends to continue fighting in Ukraine until the West accepts his peace terms, and his territorial demands could expand as Russian forces advance," three sources close to the Kremlin told Reuters. The Russian president believes Russia's economy and military are strong enough to withstand additional Western measures, the sources said.

One of the sources stated that Moscow could halt its offensive after conquering Ukraine's four eastern regions if it encounters strong resistance. "But if he falls, there will be an even greater advance on Dnipropetrovsk, Sumi, and Kharkov," the Reuters news agency wrote yesterday.

Without the possibility of negotiations — which Russia has not refused to accept, but as Sergey Lavrov recalled yesterday, Ukraine has not responded to the proposal for a new meeting — Russia's only option is active defense, an attempt to consolidate its positions on the front, weaken the Ukrainian ground contingent as much as possible in key locations such as Krasnoarmeisk-Pokrovsk, Konstantinovka, Kupyansk, and Sumi, and prepare its air defenses for the massive use of Ukrainian drones accompanied by Western-made missiles.

If there's no agreement in 50 days, "bad things will happen," "sanctions and more," Donald Trump declared yesterday afternoon. The threats continue and will increase as time passes and the deadline approaches.

"If Putin and others are wondering what will happen on the 51st, I would suggest they call the Ayatollah," said Senator Lindsey Graham, emboldened by his recent successes.

His fanaticism is nothing new, nor is the attempt to take the war to Russia, a rhetoric that is increasingly becoming the official one.

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Feminicidios en la colonia

Por Berta Joubert-Ceci

La violencia en esta colonia arropa todos los sectores de la sociedad. Desde las muertes diarias en las carreteras debido a la velocidad extrema con que automovilistas conducen sus vehículos como si fueran armamentos de guerra, hasta las muertes causadas por el narco cuando se pelean por los puntos de venta de droga.

Esta semana, ha causado un gran revuelo en las redes sociales y en los medios, cuando un hombre de 60 años mató a sangre fría, al agresor de su hija. Aunque ella no murió, tuvo que ser hospitalizada con graves heridas. Pero, ¿y por qué el revuelo?

Aquí los feminicidios han aumentado y según el informe anual del Mapa Latinoamericano de Feminicidios publicado por la organización MundoSur, Puerto Rico ocupa el segundo lugar luego de Guatemala.

Y aunque hay varias organizaciones feministas que por años, han estado

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urgiendo al gobierno que se atienda esta terrible incidencia, ninguno de los gobiernos de turno ha acogido sus propuestas con el rigor necesario. La más importante de estas propuestas, por su carácter preventivo, es la enseñanza con perspectiva de género en las escuelas. Pero tal parece que los sectores religiosos fundamentalistas, quienes rechazan contundentemente esta visión educativa, tachándola de "ideología de género", tienen secuestrado al gobierno que no se atreve a retarlos.

Mientras tanto, mujeres, niñas, personas trans y de la comunidad LGBTQ, quedan presas de una violencia impune.

Por eso, cuando al padre que asesinó al agresor de su hija le impusieron una fianza de más de $100,000 dólares, alguien comenzó una campaña para recaudar fondos a través de la aplicación GoFundMe, y a las pocas horas, ya el pueblo había donado, con pequeñas cantidades, la totalidad del dinero requerido para la fianza. Sentían que tenían que defender a ese padre porque era lo único que podría llevar justicia a su hija. Eso es lo que opinan del gobierno, que son unos corruptos que no responden al pueblo.

Desde Puerto Rico, para Radio Clarín de Colombia, les habló, Berta Joubert-Ceci

Stop starving Gaza!

By Andrew Matatag

Almost beyond belief, the U.S.-Israeli genocide in Palestine has intensified to an even greater degree of brutality.

The Resistance News Network published a Gaza Update Summary (July 16 – 19, 2025): "The past four days have been defined by a dual crisis of escalating IOF massacres and catastrophic, deepening famine."

On Wednesday, July 16, Palestinian civilians were lured to U.S. aid distribution centers throughout Gaza, which the IOF then bombed and gassed. The IOF also bombed refugee shelters, a school in Bureij, and a church in Gaza City.

The following days were more of the same — massacres of starving families awaiting aid, babies and children dying of malnutrition, people collapsing of hunger in the streets. At the same time, fleets of trucks full of aid wait at Rafah Crossing.

The Gaza Freedom Flotilla ship "Handala," carrying only unarmed civilians (including labor leader Chris Smalls) and food, medicine, and baby formula, is on its way to Gaza's shores. Israel stopped the Gaza Freedom Flotilla Coalition's first ship, the Madleen, in June 2025.

While most media outlets ignored the massacres at aid distribution sites, even mainstream bourgeois press could not conceal the famine unfolding in Gaza — likely compelled by damning UNRWA and WHO reports, along with harrowing eyewitness testimonies. Even The Times of Israel begrudgingly acknowledged it with the headline: 'Israel blames UN for Gaza aid shortage, says Hamas exploiting famine claims at talks.' The same tired propaganda, but this time, their lies had run up against undeniable reality.

The people respond

On July 20, the united Palestinian resistance called for action. The Palestinian Youth Movement called for an international day of action to Stop Starving Gaza on July 22.

In Baltimore, on July 22, the People's Power Assembly joined with the Party for Socialism and Liberation and Black Alliance for Peace to hold an emergency demonstration to denounce the U.S.'s primary role in the genocide.

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Then, on July 24, the Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the Islamic Maryland Action Network, Jewish Voices for Peace, and the Baltimore Rapid Response Network called an emergency rally, demanding: "**Let Gaza Live!**" #

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